A.C. Buchler Jr. has been elected chairman of the board of Victor Comptometer Corp. of Chicago. He succeeds his father, the late A.C. Buchler. Alvin F. Bakewell, vice chairman in charge of international operations and research, has retired. He continues as director, however. George W. May assumes Bakewell’s responsibilities in addition to his current duties as president and chief operating officer. Victor is the parent company of PGA-Victor, a golf equipment manufacturer. It also manufactures and distributes computers and other business machines, communications systems and recreational products and toys.

Three new district managers have been appointed by Harley Davidson Motor Company, Milwaukee. George Hollander’s area includes Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Ontario, Canada. Merit D. Clements covers Kentucky, Ohio and western Pennsylvania. Don Byerly is responsible for Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee.

John G. Laurence Jr. was named head of the Golf Div. of Aris Gloves, which sells to the pro-only market. Laurence was formerly sales manager of All Star Industries. The Golf Div. will be headquartered at 10 East 38th Street, New York, N.Y. 10016.

Webb J. Engman is the marketing manager-Outdoor Power Equipment Div., JI Case Company of Racine, Wis. In this newly-created position Engman will be in charge of sales, distribution, service, repair parts, advertising, promotion and sales and product education for the OPE Div.

William H. Thompson succeeds Edward R. Woolley as president of Golfcraft, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Acushnet Company, New Bedford, Mass., since 1968. In his new position Thompson will be responsible for the design and manufacture of Acushnet’s golf club lines, marketed in pro shops under the brand names, Titleist, Finalist, Club Special and Titlette.

James G. Hogg has been elected president of the Plymouth Golf Ball Company of Plymouth Meeting, Pa. Plymouth is a subsidiary of the Shakespeare Company of Kalama-zoo, Mich.

Willaim P. Sovey has been appointed president of the AMF Ben Hogan Company, Fort Worth, Tex. He succeeds Ray Tritten, who was made president of AMF Cuno in Meriden, Conn. Sovey was formerly vice president-international of Spalding in Chicopee, Mass.

George M. Bard, Barrington, Ill., was elected president of the Western Golf Assn. at its annual meeting in Golf, Ill., in early December. He succeeds Mark H. Cox, president of Victor Golf Company, who is retiring after his second one-year term.

Cox will become a trustee of the Evans Scholars Foundation, the WGA-sponsored national caddie scholarship program.

Other new officers elected were as follows: vice presidents, Eugene R. Firmine, St. Paul and Melvan M. Jacobs, Northmoor CC; treasurer, Robert G. Bohnen, Hinsdale GC; general counsel, Thomas A. Reynolds Jr., Shoreacres.

Guy Palso has joined the sales staff of The General Tire & Rubber Company’s Athletics Div. in Jeannette, Pa. He will cover western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and western New York.

Thomas L. Proctor has been appointed sales rep, Professional Pest Control, Velsicol Chemical Corp., Chicago. His territory includes Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado.

McGregor Company, Cincinnati, announces the appointment of three golf sales representatives. Bill Henwood will service professional golf accounts in Alabama, Mississippi and northern Louisiana; Thomas White-law serves upper New York and Vermont, and Robert McFadden serves Iowa and Illinois.

John N. Cullen joins General Battery Corp., Reading, Pa., as vice president-Industrial Products Group. He is responsible for sales, manufacturing and engineering.

James L. Joplin has been named a sales engineer-commercial and turf Products of Jacobsen Mfg. Company of Racine, Wis. His territory covers Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Texas.